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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	311	268	86	21	16	76	38	24	63	2	2	100
California	450	435	97	68	49	72	61	51	84	2	3	150
Colorado	1,010	940	93	150	170	113	165	145	88	15	15	100
Idaho	210	210	100	30	27	90	29	21	72	1	1	100
Iowa	540	600	111	79	76	96	68	72	106	1	4	400
Kansas	2,180	2,130	98	330	315	95	410	405	99	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,270	2,240	99	350	400	114	395	435	110	5	15	300
New Mexico	120	³	³	11	³	³	25	³	³	3	³	³
Oklahoma	315	325	103	52	57	110	66	70	106	1	2	200
South Dakota	230	235	102	39	39	100	33	38	115	1	1	100
Texas	2,680	2,510	94	395	400	101	510	510	100	15	20	133
Washington	161	175	109	26	29	112	24	24	100	1	1	100
Other States	345	385	⁵	49	51	⁵	47	59	⁵	2	5	⁵
United States	10,822	10,453	97	1,600	1,629	102	1,871	1,854	99	69	89	129

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. ³ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ⁴ Beginning in July 2009, New Mexico is included in Other State total. ⁵ Comparison to 2009 is not applicable. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 21, 2010

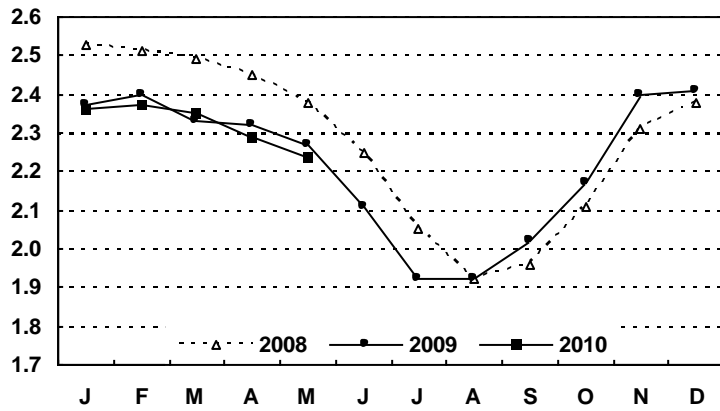
Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	During April									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	20	30	30	35	40	45	60	60	150	170
Kansas	55	55	70	60	90	100	115	100	330	315
Nebraska	55	70	65	70	90	120	140	140	350	400
Texas	125	115	90	85	95	120	85	80	395	400
Other States	100	95	60	50	90	84	125	115	375	344
United States	355	365	315	300	405	469	525	495	1,600	1,629

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed May 21, 2010

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

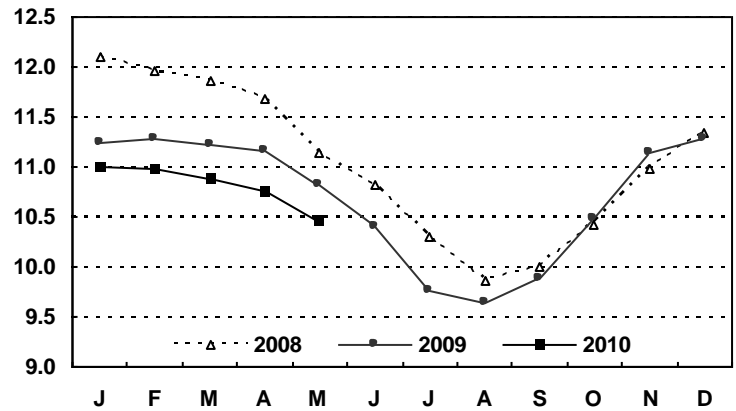
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States

(Data may not add to totals due to rounding)

Class	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Apr 2010 as % of		Jan – Apr ¹		
				Apr 2009	Mar 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,102.1	2,180.7	2,110.6	100	97	8,255.7	8,269.6	100
Veal	11.0	11.9	10.8	98	91	45.4	44.4	98
Pork	1,910.8	2,025.1	1,835.9	96	91	7,682.4	7,403.8	96
Lamb & mutton	14.7	17.0	12.3	84	72	54.9	53.4	97
Total Red Meat	4,038.6	4,234.7	3,969.6	98	94	16,038.5	15,771.2	98

¹Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 21, 2010

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class - United States

(Data may not add to totals due to rounding)

Class	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Jan - Apr		Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Jan - Apr	
				2009	2010				2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)
Cattle										
Steers	1,386	1,397	1,396	5,169	5,244	50.9	48.8	49.8	49.0	48.4
Heifers	819	864	815	3,196	3,297	30.1	30.2	29.1	30.3	30.5
All Cows	471	549	532	2,016	2,091	17.3	19.2	19.0	19.1	19.3
Dairy Cows	215	256	235	978	946	7.9	9.0	8.4	9.3	8.7
Other Cows	256	292	298	1,038	1,145	9.4	10.2	10.6	9.8	10.6
Bulls	48	54	58	171	193	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.6	1.8
Total	2,724	2,864	2,801	10,552	10,825	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	67	79	67	303	301	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,054	9,626	8,704	36,440	35,250	96.8	96.8	96.9	96.9	96.9
Sows	262	281	244	1,035	996	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7
Boars	37	40	32	140	138	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total	9,353	9,947	8,980	37,614	36,383	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10	15	15	36	53	4.6	6.0	8.4	4.7	6.9
Lambs and yearlings	203	235	160	734	712	95.4	94.0	91.6	95.3	93.1
Total	213	249	175	770	765	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 21, 2010

Annual Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Releases

Marketing Year ²	Number of and Average Price Changes ¹							
	Week Prior to Release				Week After Release			
	Increases		Decreases		Increases		Decreases	
	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>
1999	9	0.73	3	1.11	5	0.38	7	0.50
2000	8	0.76	4	0.69	7	0.78	5	1.08
2001	5	0.84	7	1.78	5	1.87	7	1.47
2002	9	1.24	3	1.40	5	1.14	7	1.68
2003	5	3.73	7	2.41	5	1.90	7	3.24
2004	9	1.73	3	1.85	5	4.07	7	1.83
2005	2	1.65	10	1.43	5	1.01	7	1.28
2006	9	0.96	3	1.26	7	1.76	5	1.61
2007	5	0.78	7	1.36	8	1.67	4	1.51
2008	6	0.95	6	1.81	9	1.57	3	1.03
2009	5	1.72	7	0.91	6	1.26	6	0.62

¹Based on the weekly weighted average price per cwt. for live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, and Minnesota. Total increases and decreases may not add to twelve for a year when the week-to-week price does not change.

²Marketing year represents the January-December calendar year.

Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service

Monthly Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Releases

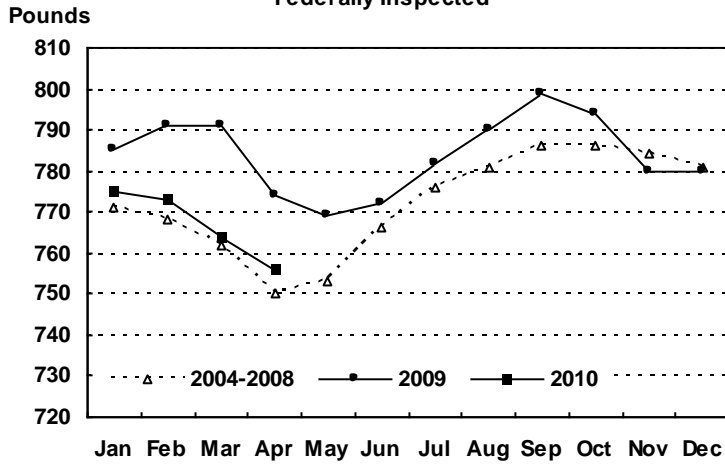
Release Date	Inventory Change ²	Average Price ¹			Change From	
		Week Prior	Week of Release	Week After	Week Before to Week of Release	Week of Release To Week After
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Jan 23, 2009	-7.1	83.68	81.93	80.65	-1.75	-1.28
Feb 20, 2009	-5.7	82.17	79.51	81.48	-2.66	1.97
Mar 20, 2009	-5.3	80.70	82.89	83.26	2.19	0.37
Apr 17, 2009	-4.5	86.01	88.19	87.91	2.18	-0.28
May 22, 2009	-2.8	85.12	85.08	84.37	-0.04	-0.71
Jun 19, 2009	-3.8	81.85	81.77	81.61	-0.08	-0.16
Jul 24, 2009	-5.3	83.66	83.20	82.12	-0.46	-1.08
Aug 21, 2009	-2.4	81.92	83.03	84.40	1.11	1.37
Sep 18, 2009	-1.0	84.14	83.75	83.54	-0.39	-0.21
Oct 16, 2009	0.6	80.86	82.52	84.59	1.66	2.07
Nov 20, 2009	1.5	83.80	82.82	83.28	-0.98	0.46
Dec 18, 2009	-0.6	79.27	80.71	82.02	1.44	1.31

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²Percent change from previous year.

Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service

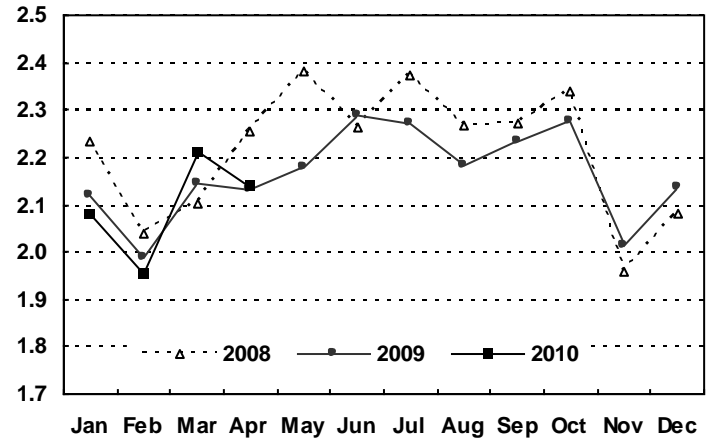
**U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights
Federally Inspected**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Commercial Beef Production

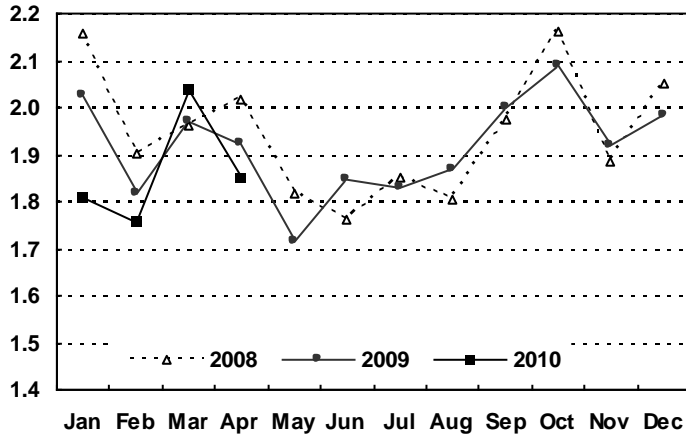
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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Commercial Pork Production

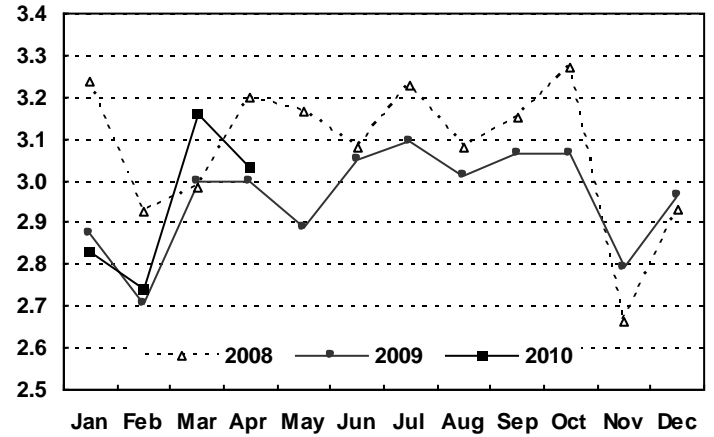
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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter

Million lbs.



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